How many scholarships does the Foundation award?

Greater Worcester Community Foundation awards over 350 college scholarships every spring from 130 different scholarship funds. Each fund was created by a different donor and given specific eligibility criteria.

Who is eligible?

- You must live in Worcester County (located in central Massachusetts) to qualify for 99% of our scholarships.
- You must enroll full-time at an accredited college or university.
- You must be a graduating high school senior to be eligible for 90% of our scholarships.
- You may be an undergraduate college student or a high school senior to be eligible for the remaining 10% of our scholarships, which have specific eligibility criteria – these funds are listed as “current exceptions” in the Eligibility section our website.

How much money is awarded in each scholarship?

Awards range from $300 to $5,000 toward one year of college. The average award size is $1,500. The amount depends on the size of the fund and its guidelines. Many awards are renewable for subsequent years.

How do I apply?

Scholarships are awarded once a year in a competitive application process. Students apply using our online application form. Applying is free of charge. By submitting one application, each student is considered for all of our scholarships for which s/he is eligible.

When do I apply?

We begin accepting applications in January, and the application deadline is in the middle of March. Every applicant is notified by June 1 as to whether or not they have received a scholarship. Recipients’ awards are mailed directly to their colleges in July.

Visit our website in January for information about the application and our mid-March deadline. If you have questions, please call (508) 755-0980 or email scholar@greaterworcester.org. Thank you!